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FIELD NEWS IN CONCISE FORM.

The Parker Run Coal & Coke Company resumed work at its mine near Rivesville on the upper Monongahela on Monday, giving employment to 75 men.

Reports from dealers indicate that coal is coming into more general use as a fuel for domestic purposes, particularly east of the Allegheny mountains where the price of anthracite coal has been moving upwards.

At the 65 stores of the Union Supply Company 25 tons of candy were distributed as Christmas remembrances. The Oliver & Snyder Steel Company, and other concerns also remembered their customers with timely gifts.

The Ohio & West Virginia Coal & Coke Company has been organized in West Virginia with \$50,000 capital stock. The incorporators are George McClintic, W. G. Matthews, Wesley McElhannon, J. B. Peyton, Jr., and J. M. Adams, all of Charleston.

For the relief of the Marianna sufferers a total of about \$10,000 has been raised to date but more funds are needed to care for the widows and families of the men who lost their lives. Money and provisions are being distributed by a committee of the Washington, Pa., Board of Trade.

The Lehigh Valley Coal Company has opened a school in connection with its Lost Creek, Pa., mines for the purpose of giving its employees free instruction in the common English branches and fitting them for special instruction in mining. Eighty scholars were enrolled on the opening night.

The Bessinger Coke Company has built three concrete oven-fronts at the Griffin No. 1 works at Mazon town. The fronts have been in use 60 days and show no sign of deterioration. Sand, Portland cement and coke ashes were mixed. It is proposed to build coke oven walls with one part of cement, five of coke ashes and two of sharp sand while for the fronts one part of cement and one of sand is used to carry the wear and tear from machinery.

MINERS SEE TEST AT ARSENAL STATION.

Men From Mines of Keystone Coal Company Spent Profitable Day.

Nearly 150 of the employees of the Keystone Coal Company were instructed in means for preventing accidents and shown the agencies which will produce explosions at the United States Geological Testing Laboratory on the Arsenal grounds, Pittsburgh, Saturday. The tests continued during the forenoon and afternoon, and all the men found them very instructive. The party included miners and foremen from 17 of the mines of Colonel George F. Huff's company, and they were in charge of Assistant to the Treasurer F. B. Miller and Chief Engineer Robert Morris. The exhibitions given the men were in charge of J. C. Roberts on behalf of the testing laboratory.

The men evinced the liveliest interest in what they saw and heard and the officials of the company who were with them expressed the utmost confidence that they will experience much benefit from the visit.

A great deal of time was spent by the members of the party in examining the safety appliances on exhibition at the laboratory. The room in which tests are made of the ability of the men to withstand deadly gases was a specially strong attraction for many and there were frequent requests to be allowed to put on the oxygen helmets and go into it.

The explosion tests were, however, the feature of the day which most interested the visiting miners. Dust was ignited several times in the testing gallery. Several times it refused to ignite when an explosive was set off within it. These tests, which were 10 in number, were designed to show the men, especially the foremen among them, what sorts of explosives will produce explosions of mine dust. A program of the explosions was furnished the men and they were carefully studied by all the visitors.

MEYERSDALE MAY GET NEW INDUSTRIES.

Board of Trade is Considering Several Propositions For Locating Factories There.

MEYERSDALE, Dec. 28.—The members of the recently organized Board of Trade are said to be considering several propositions which, if successfully landed, will prove of great benefit to Meyersdale and the surrounding community. Some time ago there was a request for ground for the location of a silk mill, and the board is now in correspondence with the projectors of the enterprise.

Another thing that is being looked up is the feasibility of piping gas into town from the mains of a West Virginia company which pass within a few miles of town. Other matters are being considered. S. C. Hartley, one of the most prominent local merchants, is acting president of the Board of Trade, and the organization is composed of our leading capitalists, merchants and business men.

TO ESTABLISH RESCUE DEPOTS.

Government Experts to Lend Aid in Mine Disasters.

OXYGEN HELMETS TO BE USED

Miners and Mine Bosses to Receive Instructions in Use of Latest Equipment by Means of Which Afterdamp and Gases May Be Defied.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Carrying out its efforts to reduce fatalities in coal mines the geological survey is about to establish rescue stations in the principal coal fields in addition to the experiment station now located at Pittsburgh. The new stations will be at or near the greatest centers of accidents, and it will be the purpose of the experts to teach the miners and mine bosses how to use apparatus for mine rescue work.

Government mining engineers will be assigned to these stations and they will be ready at a moment's notice to go to any disaster in their districts. The experts will be equipped with oxygen helmets, which will enable them to enter a mine at once even though it is filled with gas or smoke.

These stations also will be headquarters of the engineers for the study of the waste of coal in mining, one of the important problems before the geological survey.

It is the intention to have every station fitted up with an air-tight room where gas can be generated. The coal mining companies are to be invited to send picked men to these stations, where they will be trained by the government experts in the use of the oxygen helmets. It is not the purpose of the government to engage in general rescue work, but rather to demonstrate this apparatus until such time as the mineowners have thoroughly trained rescue crews at their mines. All of the rescue stations are to be erected in cooperation with the mineowners and state geological surveys.

George S. Rice, mining engineer, will have general charge of all mining inquiries at the stations and J. W. Paul, former state mine inspector of West Virginia, will have supervisory charge of all rescue work.

SHAFT WHEEL BROKE AT BRIER HILL MINE.

Operations Were Suspended Owing to Accident and Work Will Resume Tomorrow or Next Day.

The mine at Briar Hill is out of commission for several days as the consequence of a serious accident which occurred earlier in the week. While hauling a load up the shaft the wheel on the elevator broke, projecting about 40 loads of coal to the bottom of the pit and tying up business. It is not expected that work can be resumed before tomorrow or the day after. No one was hurt by the accident. This is the first time that the Briar Hill mine has not operated for some time past. During the recent business depression the works ran at their full capacity and there was no shut down.

WANTS POWER PLANT.

Fayette City Is An Applicant For West Penn's New Station.

The several towns along the valley are hot-foot after the location of the West Penn Company's power house which is to be located in the valley. They all claim superior advantages, but none have better than Fayette City, says the Fayette City Journal. This town is nearest to the center of the belt line and affords everything that the company desires for their plant. Besides the advantages as to location it has the best ground suitable for the power house. The water works bottom would afford a most desirable location with the best of advantages as to fuel of all kinds, water, rail and other facilities and everything such as the company would need.

MINING INSTITUTE OFFICERS.

Arrangements Being Made For the January Meeting.

The Fayette City Y. M. C. A. mining institute elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Arthur Neale, Superintendent of the Fayette City and Apollo mines, was unanimously elected President. After some spirited bidding Mr. John Kerr was elected Vice President. The office of Secretary will be filled by John Hobangh. The duties of the Treasurer fall upon the shoulders of Michael O'Brien.

Looking for a Site. An extensive brick manufacturer has been in DuBois quite recently looking up the possibility of finding a sufficient deposit of fire brick clay to warrant the building of fire brick works there.

Governor Accepts. Governor Stuart has accepted an invitation to attend the annual banquet of the Lancaster Board of Trade, on the evening of January 13.

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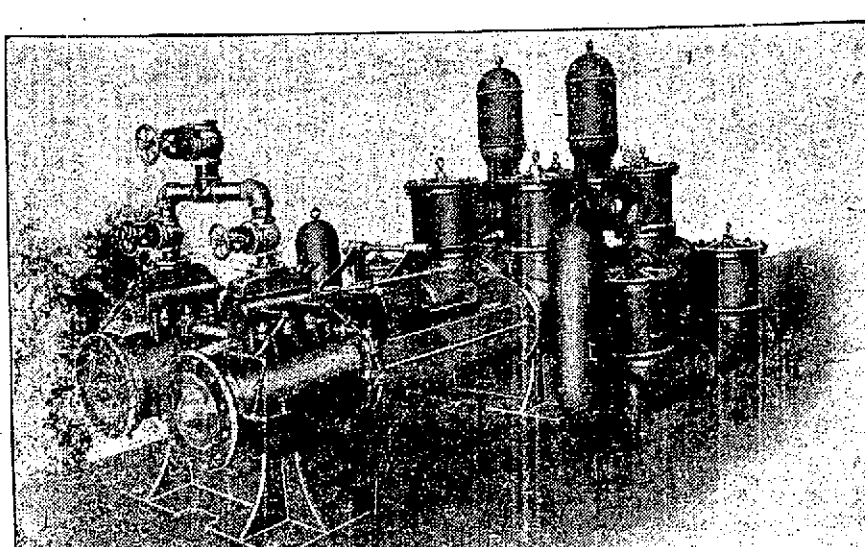
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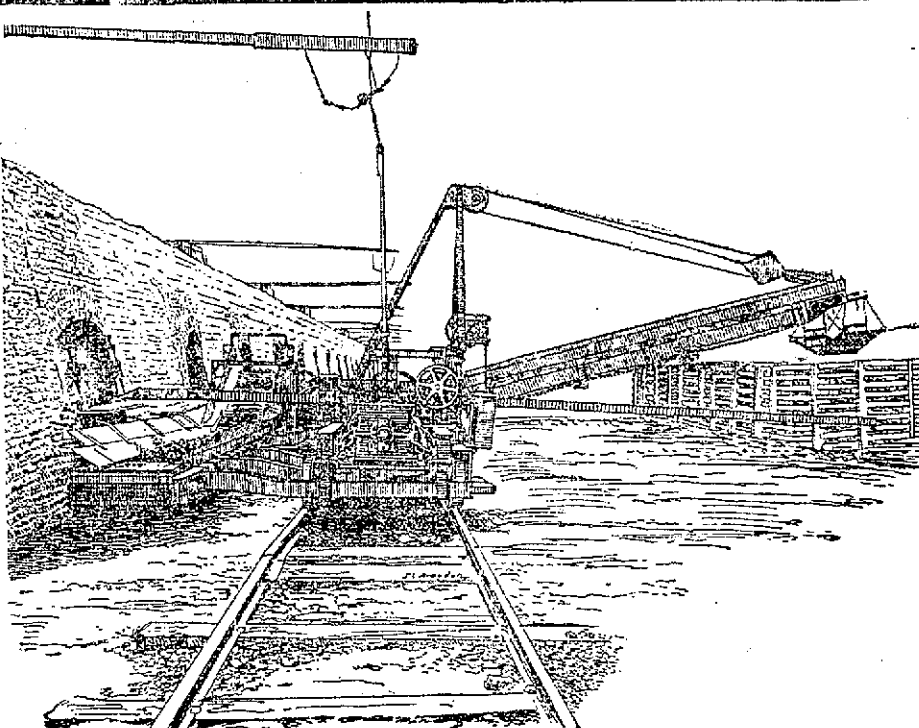
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